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SPRAY ON INSECTS AND RATS IN TRAINS.
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times on which spray has been done to ward off insects and rats in the trains which pass through Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether spray is done at regular intervals;

(c) if so, the names of the trains highly affected by insects and rats inspite of the application of sprays;

(d) whether the intervals of the spray will be shortened in the said trains;

(e) whether the Railways propose to launch any campaign to find out the existence of insects and rats in all the trains; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) The pest/rodent control treatment in coaches is carried out as a regular measure by the respective owning Railways at base Coaching Maintenance Depots. The base Maintenance Depots undertake this activity at regular intervals, decided on the basis of need, on all trains maintained by them including those running in/passing through Madhya Pradesh.

(c) to (f) There are no trains highly affected by insects and rats as the treatment is stepped up on receiving passenger complaints and therefore the situation keeps changing with time. Moreover, the level of infestation also depends to a large extent on the environment of operation. Instructions have been issued to Zonal Railways to ensure clean and hygienic environment in the trains, Coaching Depots and Terminals where coaches are maintained and stabled. The frequency of such treatment is varied to keep the infestation to a level as low as possible.